

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the above amendment and the following remarks.

Claims 1-20 are re-presented for further examination.

I. SUMMARY OF OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 6, 2004

In the Office Action dated December 6, 2004, the Examiner rejected all pending claims in the subject application because, even though not identical, he believes that the pending claims in the subject application are not patentably distinct from the claims in U.S. Patent No. 6,645,354. Accordingly, the Examiner rejected claims 1-20 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-62 of U.S. Pat. No. 6,645,354.

II. REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Although Applicant does not necessarily agree with all of the Examiner's reasoning set forth in the Office Action, Applicant has decided to file a Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate a Double Patenting Rejection over a "Prior" Patent in order to expedite prosecution of this application.

No amendments have been made to the claims of the subject application as a result of art cited herein.

The Examiner used Number 6,645,345 and 6,654,354 along with 6,645,354 to identify the inventor's prior patent. It is believed that the Examiner only intended to reject claims 1-20 as being unpatentable over the claims in U.S. Pat. No. 6,645,354 and no other patent. (U.S. Patent No. 6,645,354 is the only patent listed in the Notice of References Cited - Form PTO-892.)

III. CONCLUSION

By filing a Terminal Disclaimer, Applicant believes that it has responded to all issues raised by the Examiner in the Office Action dated December 6, 2004.

If the Examiner has any questions that might expedite the examination of this application, he is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at his convenience.

Enclosed is a self-addressed, postage prepaid postcard for the PTO to date-stamp in order to acknowledge receipt of this communication.

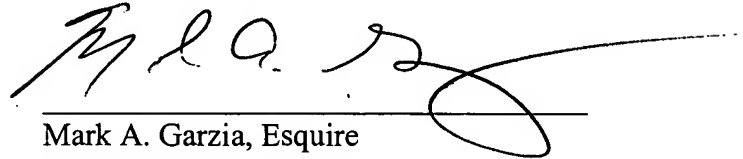
In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-20 are in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests reconsideration of the subject application, the withdraw of

the rejection under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double-patenting, and the early issuance of a Notice Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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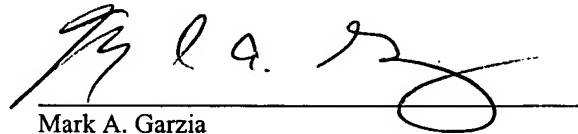
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